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SUBJECT: MORE RAIDS IN SOUTH KIVU

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1. RAID MENTIONED PARA ONE OF REFTEL TOOK PLACE AT KIGONGO APPROXIMATELY SEVEN KILOMETERS SOUTH OF UVIRA. ROAD TO BARAKA NOW REOPENED TO TRAFFIC.
2. SANGE RAID IN REFTEL PARA TWO DID TAKE PLACE BUT NOT CLEAR WHO PERPETRATORS WERE. LOCAL PRIEST SPOKE WITH CHILDREN OF SLAIN CHEF DE COLLECTIVEITE DAY AFTER KILLING AND WAS TOLD THAT RAIDERS SPOKE LINGALA AND WORE MILITARY UNIFORMS.
3. IN POSSIBLY RELATED INCIDENT AN ARMY SERGEANT IDENTIFIED AS INVOLVED IN THE SANGE KILLING WAS FATALLY SHOT IN MOUNTAINS WEST OF SANGE SOME DAYS LATER.
4. REGIONAL MILITARY AND GENDARMERIE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN HARD TO SEE BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S KIVU TRIP ENDING AUG 6 AND
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SUBSEQUENT BACKLOG OTHER MATTERS. IN ADDITION, GENDARMERIE REGIONAL

COMMANDER COL. BOOTO HAS LEFT ON TRANSFER TO LUBUMBASHI WHERE HE WILL HOLD EQUIVALENT POSITION; COL. ZONGIA COMMANDER OF FIFTH MILITARY REGION LEFT WITH REGIONAL COMMISSIONER ON AUG 15 TO ATTEND PARTY SCHOOL AT NSELE.

5. OFFICIALS WITH WHOM I HAVE SPOKEN INDICATE CONDITIONS NOW "NORMAL" IN THE RUZIZI PLAIN. I HAVE NONETHELESS URGED MISSIONARIES TRAVELLING SOUTH OF UVIRA TO MOVE IN CONVOYS WHEN POSSIBLE AND MAKE SEVERAL RADIO CHECKS EACH DAY TO COLLEAGUES IN BUKAVU.

6. COMMENT: NO ONE PREDICTS FURTHER TROUBLE IN SOUTH KIVU

BUT NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO FORESEE PAST INCIDENTS EITHER. AT LEAST CONSULATE HAS INDIRECT RADIO ACCESS TO MISSIONARIES AND TO PCV'S

STATIONED IN UVIRA THROUGH ACTION KUSAIDIA RADIO. LOVING

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